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SUMMARY OF THE DAY'S NEWS

The Weather.

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Normal temperature for May	25.0	
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Precipitation during past 24 hours		21

MINIATURE ALMANAC.
18y 19, 1901. HIGH TIDE.
18s. 4:59 | Morning ......
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Richmond.

Diocesan Council begins here annual session, transacting considerable business, discussing churches' schools interestingly and electing most of the deputies to the national convention; sessions continue to-day and to-morrow—Miss Wheeler, daughter of "Fighting Joe" Wheeler, in the city; will see the Lee Camp collection of portraits this merning—Supreme Court grants writ of error in interesting case, in which father is sighting to get possession of his children, now with their mother—Supering the deal of the contract of the con

The legislative commission spent only ty minutes in Suffolk, and the repre-tuative citizens who pet them were of-ided at the small consideration given Iwo vears in Dinwiddle for murder in second degree—A cyclone visits Will-lamsburg, inroofs houses and tears trees to pleces—The primary contest for Mayor at Newport News close and both sides claim the victory—Supreme Council.

Hoyal Arcanum, in session at 3id Point—James M. Anderson dies in great asony at Winchester from a mad dogs bite—A Southern passenger train wrecked near Charlottesville by malicious changing of a switch—Meeting of Charities and Corrections Conference in Norfolk; many strong papers read.

### North Carolina.

by Republican county nom-by Republican convention at boro for Governor, declarations on or for a white Republican party fice-holding management of party med—Miss Myrtle Taylor commits near Kinston by drinking car-acid—Large number of medical nts before the board of examina-little son of S. C. Anderson, of

while reviewing troops at St. Petersburg
—Democratic platform will revise Dingley tariff duties, says Senator Daniel—
Congressman Hay opposes instructing of
delegates to St. Louis—Republicans will
go to Chicago and urge nomination of Mr.
Spooner in preference to Roosevelt—
Illinois Republicans are still in deadlock
after five days, and are unable to nominate Governor—General Assembly of
Southern Presbyterian Church convenes
nt Mobile to-day—Premier Balfour
scores victory by defeating an attempt
to unset the government upon the fiscal
question—Senator Forster, of Louisland,
elected to succeed himself—Safe in New
Orleans opened and shows how she
hoarded money—Georgia negro sentenced for robbing malls—Derby will be
run at Cincinnait to-day—Gans-Fitzgernid bout is declared off in New York—
President of Western Union issues further orders concerning handling of racing
news; several cities affected—Bishop
Kelley, of Georgia, says Gregorian chain
must be inaugurated before January ist
—Now York legislators will visit Rich
mond—Schooner bound for Norfolk
ashore off coast of Massachusetts.

### A LADY TEACHER COMMITS SUICIDE

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
KINSTON, N. C., May 18.—Miss Myrtle
Taylor, aged thirty-six years, committed
suicide this afternoon about 1 o'clock by
drinking carbolic acid. She was visiting relatives about two miles in the
country from here. Ill health and despondency is said to be the cause of the
rash act. She was of prominent family
and her position has been school teacher
for the past few years.

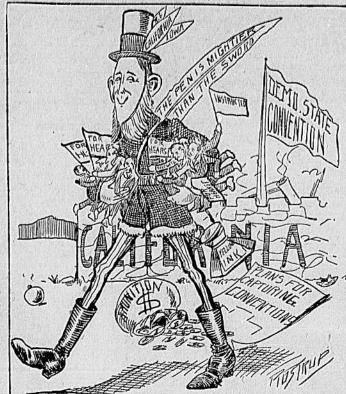
## WANT HELP TO-DAY

The 30 advertisements for help published in to-day's Times-Dispatch on page 8, are as follows: 1 Teacher.

23 Domestics.

5 Miscellaneous. 1 Salesman. This not only interests those out of work, but those, desiring to improve their positions as well. WHOLE NUMBER 16,549.

RICHMOND, VA., THURSDAY, MAY 19, 1904.



THE RUSH-ENS HAVE CAPTURED CALIFORNIA.

# SAY THE RATES ARE MUCH TOO HIGH

Ministers Make Some Sharp Criticisms of the Church Schools.

INVITE CONVENTION HERE

Deputies Elected and Instructed to This Effect-The Annual Meeting of Council.

called the session to an end. The c tion was not resumed during the mainder of the day.

Matter of Great Moment.

To the local Episcopalians the election of deputies to the General Convention was a matter of even greater moment than the school question. The election

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## LEGAL BATTLE FOR MINOR CHILDREN

Captain Charles Mann Granted Writ of Error by the Supreme Court.

preme Court.

Attorney John T, Daniel, of Cape Charles, yesterday filed application on behalf of his elient, A. Thomas Taylor, of that town, before the Supreme Court of Appeals for a writ of error in a most interesting case, which was granted by the court, and which will be argued later on.

In his application, Taylor alleges that his wife, Saille L. Taylor, during last, year "stealthily and without cause," deserted him, and went to live with her brother, a Mr. Rook, on the suburbs of Norfolk city, taking with her their two infant children, William and Elia Charlotte Taylor, aged about two and three years, respectively.

On January Itth the petitioner alleges that he applied to Judge W. N. Portlock, of the County Court of Norfolk, praying for a writ of habas corpus requiring the delivery of the infant children to the petitioner as their "legal custodian."

The case was postponed until the change in the court system, and when it

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The case was postponed until the chapse in the court system, and when it came up in its regular order before the Circuit Court of Norfolk county, Judge Portlock dismissed the petition.

The petitioner alleges that his children are "illegally detained" by Sallie I. Taylor, and that he is under the law their proper and legal custodian. The petition cites decided cases in support of his contention that the children should be delivered to him, and the argument promises to be very interesting when the case is called in the higher court.

# REAL CAUSE OF ACCIDENT

Reason of Accident on Missouri Never Been Made Known,

WILL NEVER OCCUR AGAIN

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., May 18 .- The of he battleship Missouri is known to

MIRACULOUS ESCAPES. A number of persons had almost mirac ulous escapes, when the explosion came A number of persons had almost miraculous escapes, when the explosion came. Among them was J. A. Judd, an electrical expert, on board. He was called to the turret to fix something, and, as he never had witnessed the entire delivery of a volley from the big guns, thought it good opportunity to do so. He happened to remember, however, that he had left some of his assistants at work on a dynamo and started back to oversee that work. He had just climbed out of the turret when the explosion came. Mr. Judd sald the wireless telegraph deraonstrated its usefulness on that day. A minute after the accident, the flagship was notified of it, and assistance was called for from the other ships of the squadron, and two hours before the ship reached Pensacola, full details of the accident were in Washington.

The Missouri will stay here about six weeks for repairs, when she will sail to join the battleship squadron on its European cruise.

## DIED IN AGONY FROM MAD DOG BITE

Tied With Ropes and Handcuffs to Prevent Killing Family.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) WINCHESTER, VA., May 18.—James

Committee to Meet.

The Committee on Grounds and Buildings wil meet in regul ar session at 8 o'clock this evenius.

There is a good deal of work of more or less importance to come before the body.

# REVISION OF TARIFF **SCHEDULES**

Daniel Says the Platform Should Demand This.

## **DINGLEY BILL DUTIES** SHOULD BE CHANGED

Senator Thinks Democrats Will Nominate Parker or Some Other Conservative Man.

### HAY OPPOSES THE INSTRUCTION OF DELEGATES

Lieutenant - Governor Willard Favors Instructing for Parker. Selection of Cortelyou for Chairman of Republican Committee Helpful to the Democrats.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

American Goods Cheaper Abroad "It is a notorious fact that American naligacan be bought by Hayana or in any foreign country cheaper than in this country. Many things are sold abroad cehaper than in this country. The citizens of the United States do not care

this kind of a business.

"It is well known that if a man buys material to build an engine for export, he can get it much cheaper than if he is to build the engine for use in this country. What about that? The contract must state that the engine is for export before the difference in price is made. Steel rails for a foreign railroad can be bought much cheaper than when

adjourning without attending to the business of the country. There is an unhealthy state of affairs when expenditures mount up so high each year, and the pruning hook is needed. The government should be conducted much on the same principle as a man and wife conduct their home, making the expen-

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## RICHMOND LADY KILLED BY GAS

Sad Death of Mrs. Martha Skinner in Savannah-The Burial Here.

The appended telegram announcing the death in Savannah, Ga., of a well known Richmond lady was received last night; Mrs. Martha Francis Skinner was found dead this (Wednesday) morning in her bed. She had been asphyxiated by gas escaping from a partly turned jet. Mrs Skinner was eighty-four years of age, ind a resident of Richmond, Va. has been in Savannah some time, visiting her granddaughter, Mrs. J. W. Wassum,

At where home she died.

She had gone to her room to retire.

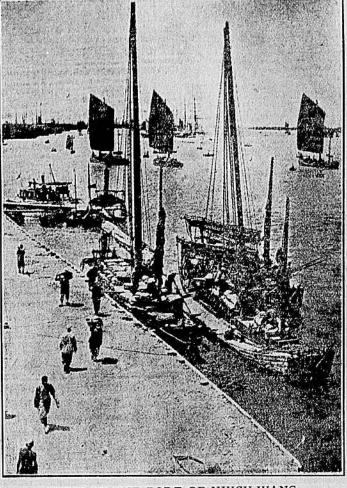
Nothing was known to he wrong until
this morning when the children of the
house went to her room to call her and

M. Anderson died last evening at his home in the county, aged forty-five years, after two weeks of intense agony, caused by mad-dog pites.

Several days ago it was necessary to the him in the bed with ropes and put handeuffs on his wrists to prevent him killing members of his family. He died in convulsions. A widow and three children survive him. The Buxton forces swept the city, electing their councilmen in every ward

Lecture by Dr. Kerr.

# JAPS LOSE A CRUISER AND A BATTLESHIP



VIEW OF THE PORT OF NIUCH-WANG

# REPUBLICANS HAVE LIVELY CONVENTION

# HUNT CLUB RACES SOON GOVERNOR AYCOCK DEFENDED

Day After To-morrow the Tenth Annual Spring Meeting Will be Held.

FIVE ATTRACTIVE EVENTS

of this week. This is an affair which all horse lovers of the city look forward

mittee. Firse prize, saddle; second, brid third, whip. Distance one-half mile

the turf Entries close at post.

The remaining features are, 4 P. M.:
Second event, jumping contest—For horses owned by members of the Deep Run Hunt Club, and to be ridden by gen-

Run Hunt Club, and to be ridden by gentlemen riders over four jumps at four feet. Horses entered in this event not eligible to enter in the fourth event. Winner to receive \$\Sigma \text{in gold, or silver cup, as preferred.}

1. Sterling Silver, entered by A. C. Young.

2. Squeedunk, entered by T. N. Carter, Lady Slipper, entered by Dr. J. A. White.

4. Blue Ridge, entered by A. C. Hobson, 6. Janice, entered by A. S. Buford, Jr. 6. Domino, entered by H. C. Beattle, 4:30 P. M.—Third event, novelty race—To be ridden by members of Deep Run Hunt Club; all contestants to start together; ride length of grounds to post about 300 yards; dismount, pick up dress

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# BUXTON DEFEATS

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NEWPORT NEWS, VA., May 18 -- 8 R. Buxton was elected Mayor to-day over Mayor A. A. Moss by a majority of 278 votes. The total vote cast was 1,272 Buxton received 763 and Moss 385.

Charles J. Harris, a Wealthy Leather Manufacturer, Nominated for Governor.

razier Declares for White Republican Party-Office-Holding Politicians Criticised.

GREENSBORO, N. C., May 18.—T State Republican convention convened Greensboro, N. C., at noon to-day, w

At 7 o'clock the following nominations of the State ticket were reported: Governor, Charles J. Harris, of Jackson county; Lieutenant-Governor, Isaac M. Meckins, of Pasquotank; Attorney-General, W. H. Yarborough, of Franklin county; Secretary of State, J. J. Jenkins, of Chat-

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## ORDERS GREGORIAN CHANT IN GEORGIA

Bishop Kieley Issues Edict That Ladies Must Step Down and Out Before January.

(By Associated Press.)

SAVANNAH, GA., May 18.-Bishop Kiejey, of the Catholic diocese of Georgia, to-night mailed to each of the churches

MAYOR A. A. MOSS

The Buxton Forces Sweep the
City With Council
Ticket.

City With Council
Exercise to The Times Disposed.

Everything profane in matter and form in the church music, he says, should be excluded. The highest degree of perfection in church music, the bishop says, is the Gregorian chant and therefore the music of the church should appreach it.

### SENATOR FOSTER WILL SUCCEEDS HIMSELF

The Buxton supporters at 1 A. M. are holding a mass-meeting at the Academy of Music.

Broad Street Property.

Messrs, McVigsh and Glinn, real estate agents, fold at auction, on yesterday evening, the property advertised in the paper on the north side of Broad Street, letween Mcadow and Allison Streets, fronting 260 feet on Broad Street, to Mr. Mr. Wm. Glenn, at -22 per foot.

Mr. Wm. Glenn, at -22 per foot.

They Struck Mines and Were Sunk.

### OCCURRED OFF PORT ARTHUR

Refugees From Port Dalny Tellof Bombardment and Sinking of the Ships.

### RUSSIANS BLOW UP THEIR BOATS AT PORT ARTHUR'S

Explosions Were Heard at Seas, Yesterday - Kuropatkin Will Have to Fight in Order to Retreat to Harbin-Japanese Warships Reported to Have Been Sunk.

CHICAGO, May 18 .- A special to the Daily News from Che Foo says: "The Daily News dispatch boat Fawan, while passing Port Arthur about 10 A. M. to-day heard six heavy explosions. They appeared to proceed from the inner harbor and suggested the idea that the Russians were blowing up their ships and

CHE FOO, May 18-11:30 A. M.-Russian refugees, who arrived here to-day on a junk from Port Dalny, say that the Japanese bombarded Port Arthur last Monday. Russian officers, who were on Golden Hill declared, according to the refugees, that during the bombardment, a Japanese battleship and a cruiser struck mines and sank. The warships reported to have been sunk off Port Arthur are the battleship Shikishima and the armored cruiser Asama. The story is not believed here, but the Russians who brought the news insist that it is true.

# (Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch HE MUST FIGHT.

General Kuropatkin Will Havo to Put Up Strong Battle Before Reaching Harbin.

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LONDON, May 18.—It is not

as St. Petersburg says it is his inis way through a strong Japanese force and with another army stronger than his own on his rear and flanks.

The latest advices leave little doubt that a Japanese army of not less than twenty-five thousand men is now between him and Harbin. Whether this force came over from the East, from the Korean coast; or is the column reported detached by Kuroki after the crossing of the Yalu and sent north by the Kwan Tien road, is not known, but that it is to the northeast of the Russian position, seems established practically beyond a doubt.

This report practically establishes the truth of another report that the main body of the Russian army, with supplies and munitions, is in retreat, leaving a strong screening force to check the Japanese first at Hai Cheng, and then at Liao Yang and give Kuropatkin a chance to withdraw from a dangerous position.

The Japanese apparently have not taken possession of New Chwang though they will probably do so within a few days, making it their advanced base. From here, they will have the advantage of both water transportation on the Liao River, which is navigable far above Mukden and transportation on the railway when the Manchurian line is in their hands and has been repaired.

The Japanese are pushing their plans for the land attack on Port Arthur, according to advices received from Che Foo and have taken possession of the hills at Kin Chow and now command all the roads leading to Port Arthur, but are by no means sanguine as to their ultimate success.

There is some talk in diplomatic circles of a possibility of peace, but it is not yet taken seriously. It is now believed that Russia is coming to recognize that she is beaten and soon will be willing to listen to an offer of mediation, if Japan is willing to